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SUBJECT: TRAVEL ADVISORY - CHAD

- 1. STRICT SEURITY MEASURES ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN FORCE IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF N'DJAMENA DURING MONTH OF APRIL TO COUNTER THE POSSIBILITY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS AIMED AT DISRUPTING THE APRIL 13, 1977, NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS. THE ATTACK BY DISSIDENT MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY ON ARMY HEADQUARTERS ON APRIL 1 WILL SERVE TO MAKE SECURITY FORCES EXTREMELY SENSITIVE REGARDING ANY REAL OR IMAGINED INFRACTIONS OF THE PRESENT CURFEW (2100 TO 0600 HOURS) OR OTHER SECURITY MEASURES.
- 2. AMERICAN CITIZENS IN N'DJAMENA DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL ARE ADVISED TO USE CAUTION IN PATRONIZING RESTAURANTS, MOVIE THEATERS, AND OTHER PUBLIC GATHERING PLACES. THE EMBASSY EXPECTS THE LOCAL SECURITY FORCES TO SET UP NUMEROUS ROAD BLOCKS PRIMARILY TO CONTROL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. AMERICAN CITIZENS SHOULD STOP FOR ALL ROAD BLOCKS AND BE PREPARED TO HAVE THEIR VEHICLES (AND PERHAPS THEIR PERSONS) SEARCHED AND THEIR IDENTITY DOCUMENTS COLSELY SCRUTINIZED.

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- 3. THE N'DJAMENA AIRPORT MAY BE BRIEFLY CLOSED DURING THE MONTH, AND IT IS LIKELY THAT THE FERRY SERVICE CONNECTING N'DJAMENA WITH THE CAMEROON WILL ON OCCASION BE SUSPENDED. (AS IT IS AT PRESENT). PERMISSION TO TRAVEL ELSEWHERE IN CHAD IS LIKELY TO BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN DURING APRIL.
- 4. IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO AVOID VISITING CHAD DURING THIS

PERIOD UNLESS NECESSARY. BRADFORD

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